WHEREAS, the 1981 Oregon Legislature passed ORS 368.031 which created local access roads and limited a county’s ability to expend county funds on local access roads; and

WHEREAS, ORS 368.016 provides that local access roads outside the city limits are subject to the jurisdiction of counties but counties are not liable for the failure to improve such roads; and

WHEREAS, ORS 368.016 provides that counties may expend county funds on local access roads if the work is an emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2018, a critical finding was noted during a routine Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) bridge inspection of Green Creek Road Bridge (Bridge No. 20733); and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2019 a follow-up ODOT bridge inspection found that the deficiency identified on July 6, 2018 had not been corrected and embankment scour had progressed; and

WHEREAS, the critical findings indicate that the bridge has structural or safety related deficiencies that requires immediate action by the owners of the bridge to ensure the bridge does not fail; and

WHEREAS, the critical findings constitute an immediate need for bank stabilization and Lane County staff have the technical expertise to provide bank stabilization design and permit writing services to the property owners who reside past the Green Creek Road Bridge; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain access, County Engineer recommends Lane County staff prepare design drawings and prepare permit documents to stabilize the bank supporting Green Creek Road Bridge; and
WHEREAS, the property owners agree to submit the permits and complete the bank stabilization work in 2019 within the In-Water Work Window;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County ORDERS as follows:

That Lane County staff is hereby authorized to provide technical assistance on Green Creek Road Bridge safety improvements by providing bank stabilization design and permit writing services.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2019

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners